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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The next regular meeting of the State Society will be held at Del Monte, April 16th, 17th, 18th, 1907; the Council is required

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by the by-laws to meet the day before (the 15th). Special rates have been made by the hotel and postal-card notices have been sent out to all members. If you intend to go and have not yet sent in the return postal giving your wishes as to rooms, etc., do so at once, for we are advised that the hotel may be quite full about that time in April. The usual arrangement as to railroad rates has been secured. The full fare is to be paid for the going trip, and the purchaser of the ticket *must secure from the agent at the time he buys the ticket, a receipt certificate.* This must be signed by the secretary and upon presentation to the agent at Del Monte the return ticket will be sold at one-third fare. The scientific program is progressing rapidly and there will be offered many topics of interest for your discussion. Unfortunately, owing to a necessary change in the date of publication of the JOURNAL, it will not be possible to publish a preliminary outline of the program; but it promises to be quite up to the excellent standard of the last few years. The symposium feature, found to be so satisfactory in the past, will be a striking portion of the present program. In addition to the scientific matters of interest, many very important problems, and matters affecting the Society and its welfare will come up for discussion, and every county society should be well represented. We all know what a beautiful place Del Monte is, and certainly those of

us who were fortunate enough to have attended the last meeting at that charming spot will not fail to attend the present session.

The JOURNAL has, on more than one occasion, referred to the somewhat curious attitude of the

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Medical Examiner and Practitioner, a monthly publication, supposedly issued in the interests of examiners for life insurance companies, toward the subject of reduced fees for examinations. This publication makes the plea that national, state and county medical organizations should not recognize the issue joined between the companies on the one side and the individual examiner on the other. That is exactly what the companies want. They know full well that physicians, as unorganized units, each acting for himself and without conference with his fellows, will perforce accept the ridiculous minimum fee of \$3.00; they know also that if we all stand together and refuse to accept this small fee, the companies will have to stop business or pay the \$5.00 fee. But the actual results of this campaign are discouraging. A physician in one of our Western states writes me of his experience. He absolutely refused to make the examinations for less than \$5.00—and he is now getting that fee. He states that, in a large territory, and despite the strenuous resolutions passed by various county societies, all the examiners save himself and one other are secretly accepting the \$3.00 fee. He says: "A man must value his own services in order to collect their value." "The profession has neither the backbone nor business sense sufficient to deserve \$5.00 for the work." His conclusions are: "(1) that the fight can be won and (2), that our profession will never win it." In some sections of our own state the fight has been won and \$5.00 is the minimum fee paid. Will it ever be won or the entire state? That depends upon the individual members of the various county societies and upon the honor of each one. The mere passage of resolutions will do nothing. If a man has not enough appreciation of his own worth and his own services to refuse to accept something less than they are worth, and if he will not be honest with himself and his fellows and abide by what he says he will do, the fight will never be won.

Is it worth while to be alive, or might one just as well be dead? "To be or not to be, that is the question." If one is going to

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live, why not live fully and helpfully and die with the knowledge that the world is at least no worse off for our having cumbered it for a brief space. There are so many things to be done, so much work waiting to one's hand, that it seems incredible that there can be any who may go through the world and live their lives without appreciating it. And for us, as physicians, there is perhaps more work than for others, who understand less well, all that needs to be done. We see every-